A

QUAKER'S LETTER

TO THE

World in General,

And to the

ation of ENGLAND in particular:

CONTAINING,

rſt. The manifold Blaſphemies that have been, and ſtill are carried on againſt Heaven, under the Pretence of Religion.

ondly A plain Diſcovery of the Beaſt and his Image, and how the Nations of the World are compelled to worſhip them, *&c.*

irdly How a Government may put a Stop to Blaſphemy upon a religious Foundation, *&c.*

urthly, Plainly proving, that when the Governments of the Earth wilfully and knowingly uphold Blaſphemy againſt Heaven, upon a religious Foundation, and compel all Mankind to worſhip the Beaſt and his Image, the Sin will be unpardonable in this World, and in the World to come, *&c.*

fthly Shewing how the Nations of the World, their Miniſters, are led into MYSTERY, BABYLON and what great Danger there will be upon that are found dwelling there, when BABYLON the Great hath her full Puniſhment expected to come.

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BEFORE I begin this great Undertaking, is highly neceſſary to lay it on ſuch a foundati that it cannot be removed by the power of man.

This ſtrong Foundation is that Saying of the S of God to the Woman at the Well of *Samaria*, t *the Hour cometh, and now is, that whoſoever worſhipp God muſt worſhip him in Spirit and in Truth; for G is a Spirit, and ſeeketh ſuch to worſhip him.*

From this Saying of *Chriſt* all may underſta that ſpiritual Worſhip of God was then begun, a was to be continued as long as the Goſpel was to preached; but Satan, beholding the extraordina Favours from Heaven to Mankind (wherein all mig ſpiritually worſhip God by the Gift of Grace, whi came by *Jeſus Chriſt*) by his Subtilty raiſed to hi ſelf Miniſters, and led them to turn their Backs upo this ſpiritual Worſhip, that God has ſet up in *Chri* and make to themſelves a Likeneſs or Image of ſp ritual Worſhip, wherein the Wickedneſs of Me might perform in their own Will and Time, and lead the Governments and Nations into the ſame Way this was an Act in Satan's Miniſters againſt God th her, and God the Son (upon a religious Found which was Blaſphemy.

r Satan had got his ſtrong Hold in the World deceived and led his Miniſters to believe ught not to be any ſpiritual Worſhip o performed to God. As Satan deceive an

led them, ſo they deceived and led the Governts to believe the ſame, and thereby obtained a to perſecute the ſpiritual Worſhippers, which and now is, the Church of *Chriſt*, until they had them in the bewildered World *for a Time and s, and Half a Time*, agreeable to the Prophecy ohn the Divine. This Act of theirs was againſt the Father, and God the Son, upon a religious ndation, which was Blaſphemy.

ut after this appointed Time was expired, God, is Grace, moved upon ſome of his ſpiritual Worpers in the Wilderneſs (who in ſcorn were called kers) to preach up again the true ſpiritual Worthat God required of Man to perform. Then Satan exceeding angry, and moved upon his iſters, and led them to deceive the Governments, obtain a Law to perſecute the true ſpiritual Worpers of God with Fines, Impriſonments, Baniſhts and Death. This was an Act againſt God the her, and God the Son, upon a religious Founda-, which was Blaſphemy.

heſe are the Blaſphemies againſt Heaven, that Miniſters of Anti-Chriſt have led the Profeſſors Chriſtianity into, beginning at the Church of *Rome*, continuing until it pleaſed the Almighty God to ghten the Underſtanding of Government, who then ealed the Act of Perſecution, againſt the Will of i-Chriſt and his Miniſters. But there is ſtill coned in the Favour of Anti-Chriſt the Law of Tythes, compels the Generality of Mankind to give the nths of their Labour, with the Tenth of their vants and Cattles Labour, and the Tenths of the duce of their Lands, to maintain and uphold the niſters of Anti-Chriſt, the Deceivers of the World. is is alſo an Act againſt God the Father, and God

the Son, upon a religious Foundation, which is B
phemy.

Herein every rational Creature may behold how
tan hath deceived and led his Miniſters to act ag
Heaven, upon a religious Foundation, and how t
have deceived the Governments of the Earth to m
their Laws in the ſame Way, under a Deluſion,
knowing what they do; and it is eaſy to be un
ſtood, that Satan and his Miniſters are both of
Likeneſs upon a religious Foundation; but in Sc
ture they are called the Beaſt and his Image, and
Decrees of Heaven againſt all ſuch as worſhip
Beaſt and his Image may be found written, *Rev.*
11. *The Smoak of their Torments aſcendeth up for*
and ever: they have no Reſt Day nor Night who
ſhip the Beaſt and his Image, and whoſoever receiv
Mark of his Name.

Now if there is any Man in this Nation, who
not believe that he is led and compelled to wor
the Beaſt and his Image, as the Scripture ſets forth,
him lay theſe Actions of Satan's Miniſters before h
and ask his Conſcience this Queſtion, Whether t
Blaſphemies againſt Heaven is doing the Will
God the Father, and *Chriſt* his Son? Or wheth
is doing the Will of Satan and his Miniſters?
I will be bold to ſay, that the Witneſs of God, in
ry Man's Conſcience, will ſay it is not doing the
of Heaven; but the Will of Satan and his Miniſt
and whoſoever doth the Will of the Beaſt and
Image, upon a religious Foundation, doth the
worſhip them.

My Underſtanding of this Text of Scripture,
Fear of being tormented to all Eternity, made
both willing and able to ſtand againſt the Law
Tythes, for which I have been proſecuted twic
the Court of *Chancery*, and upwards of ſix Year

the Court of *Exchequer*; many Years in the *Spiritual* Court, and many Times perſecuted before the Juſtices of the Peace; and, by what thoſe Courts have decreed againſt me already, and what they are now about to do, it doth appear to me, that the whole will amount to about one Thouſand Pounds. But this Expence is nothing to the Torments that Mankind muſt endure for complying with a Law that compels all Mankind to worſhip the Beaſt and his Image.

This Law of Tythes, as it doth now ſtand, ſets up Anti-Chriſt and his Miniſters above *Chriſt* and his ſpiritual Worſhippers, becauſe it compels the true Worſhippers of God and *Chriſt* to give large Tribute to maintain and uphold the Miniſters of Anti-Chriſt, upon a religious Foundation; this is highly honouring Anti-Chriſt and his Miniſters, and greatly diſhonouring God and *Chriſt*, which is Blaſphemy.

As the Governments of the Earth are endued with the Gift of God, as well as other Men, when theſe Sayings are laid before them, they may or will believe theſe Sayings of mine to be Truth; and if they may believe it to be Truth, and will harden their Hearts, and will not, then will their Sin be of the ſame Kind with thoſe that believe it to be Truth, and after that wilfully rebell againſt it. When the Governments of the Earth underſtand theſe Things, then they will be compelled to act upon one of theſe two Principles, either upon the Principles of Chriſtianity, or the Principles of the fallen Angels; if they will act upon the Principles of Chriſtianity, then they muſt immediately put a ſtop to all Blaſphemies, upon a religious Foundation. There is no other Way to put an End to theſe Blaſphemies (that can be thought of by Man) but by repealing the Laws of Tythes, and all compelled Maintainance to uphold Satan's Miniſters; then they will fly from deceiving the World, as an Hireling would

would fly from the Wolf, and leave the World t
ſeek for the Grace and good Spirit of God in them
ſelves, to lead and to teach them in all their religiou
Duties towards God. This will be a thouſand fol
better Teacher to all Mankind, than Teachers or Mi
niniſters of Anti-Chriſt ever were or could be.

That Government that will act by this Chriſt
an Principle, will be made Inſtruments in the Hand
of God to pull down *Myſtery, Babylon the great, th
Mother of all Harlots, and Abomination of the Earth
then ſhall her Plagues come in one Day*, Death an
Mourning, and Famine, *and ſhe ſhall be utterly burn
with Fire, for ſtrong is the Lord God that judgeth her*
Then will that Prophecy be fulfilled, which ſays, *Tha
the ten Heads, that were upon the Beaſt, ſhould hat
the Whore, and make her deſolate and naked, and ſhal
eat her Fleſh, and burn her with Fire.* Theſe *ten Horn*
upon the Beaſt of Perſecution, muſt be underſtood
to be the Minds and Conſciences of the miſled Go
vernments of the World, and the Minds of the Judge
that are put in Authority under Government, to give
Judgment againſt the true ſpiritual Worſhippers o
God, in all Ages of the World, in hurting them in
their Circumſtances, or Liberty, or Lives. When
any Government underſtand this to be Truth, then
will that Government hate the Miniſters of Anti-
Chriſt, which is the Author of all ſpiritual Whore-
doms, and make them deſolate without Pity, and
naked without Power, and eat or devour their fleſhly
Deſires, and burn them up with their Indignation of
hatred, for deceiving and leading them to give judg-
ment againſt Heaven, and compelling all Mankind to
eternal Deſtruction.

But if any Nation will ſo harden their Hearts againſt
Heaven, and the Principles of true Chriſtianity, as
to act *wilfully* in Deſpite of Grace and Knowledge,

and

will continue to uphold the Miniſters of Anti-
riſt, then will this Sin be unpardonable to ſuch a
tion; and the Moment that Sin is committed,
ill aſcend up to Heaven before the Throne of God,
the wilful Act of Government: then may the
nts and Angels ſay, that the Abominations of the
rth appear to be full ripe; becauſe if the fallen
gels had been in that Government's Place, they
ld not have committed a greater Sin againſt God,
have been a greater Enemy to Mankind on Earth.
When this Sin is wilfully committed by any Go-
nment on Earth, then it will be as reaſonable for
ery Subject under that Government to believe,
t ſuch a Nation is near to Curſing and Deſtruction,
it is for them to believe, that the Scriptures and
d are Truth; for we may underſtand that the Al-
ghty God's Word in Scripture is, that when the
ominations of the Earth are full ripe, it is to be
down, *Rev.* xiv. 18, 19, 20. *And another Angel*
me out from the Altar, which had Power over Fire,
d cried with a loud Cry to him that had the Sickle, ſaying,
ruſt in thy ſharp Sickle, and gather the Cluſters of
Vine of the Earth, for the Grapes are full ripe.
d the Angel thruſt in his Sickle into the Earth, and
thered the Vine of the Earth, and caſt it into the Wine-
preſs of the Wrath of God, and the Wine-Preſs was
dden without the City, and Blood came out of the
ine-Preſs, even to the Horſe's Bridles, by the Space of
Thouſand and Six Hundred Furlongs.

This Vine of the Earth may be underſtood of the
ominations of the Earth to be fully ripe in their
lful Acts againſt God the Father, and God the Son,
r which Sins the Judgments of God are to fall upon
em to deſtroy them by War and Blood-ſhed, and
ter this a greater Judgment is to fall upon them,
itten *Rev.* xviii. 2. where the Angel cried with a
ſtrong

ſtrong Voice, ſaying, *Babylon the Great is fallen, fallen, and is become the Habitation of Devils, and Hold of every foul Spirit, and the Cage of every unc and hateful Bird.*

By this it is reaſonable to underſtand, that the N tions of the Earth, that worſhip God by Prieſtc will have a Downfall: the one is to be caſt down of the Power of Perſecution, and the other ou the Grace and Favour of God, and then their So will become the Habitation of Devils, and the H of foul Spirits, and the Cage of all Uncleanneſs.

This we my conclude, by the Prophecy of *Revelations*, to be the diſmal State and End of th Nations that may underſtand the true ſpiritual W ſhip of God, and will not; or elſe do underſtand and will knowingly rebell againſt it, by compell the true ſpiritual Worſhippers to maintain and uph a different Way of worſhipping God, which is b Prieſtcraft and Idolatry, that deceive and lead Mankind to eternal Deſtruction, who both live die therein.

If there be any, who believe that I have not ad Texts of Scripture ſufficient to prove my Aſſertion this Letter, I refer ſuch to read from *Revelations* xth to the xxth, where they may find ſufficient Pro to maintain the Truths I have here declared to World; and from the *Revelations* they may alſo derſtand, that *ſpiritual Babylon* was built by falſe Tea ers, which may be underſtood of two Kinds: the are thoſe that turn their Backs upon the true ſpiri Worſhippers of God, and make to themſelves Image or Likeneſs of that Worſhip, or otherwiſe h it made to their Hands, printed or written in t Books, and then call themſelves Divines, or ſpiri Worſhippers, and are not ſo; for let theſe Book

tak

from them, and they will be found dumb to all spiritual Worſhip.

he other Kind of falſe Worſhippers do alſo turn Backs upon the true ſpiritual worſhipping of God, compoſe a Form or Likeneſs of it in themſelves, from the Strength of their Memory both preach pray to the People in their own Will and Time. Sort of Worſhip cometh only from the Head, not from the Heart, ſo it goeth to the Head, and to the Heart of the Hearers; for God will not any Kind of Worſhip, but what comes from his e Grace and Spirit.

t the true ſpiritual Worſhippers of God are thoſe live a holy Life in the Sight of God, and are d by his Grace and good Spirit both to preach and to the People; and as this comes from the Wit- of God, in the Heart of the Preacher, ſo it hes to the Witneſs of God in the Hearts of the rers, where they receive it with Gladneſs to their fication.

s it has been already proved, that the falſe Teach- re the Builders and Upholders of *ſpiritual Babylon*, m the Almighty has decreed to have her Fall in Day, and in one Hour: Some may aſk how this g can be, ſeeing ſhe hath ſuch great Power over Minds of the World? But let ſuch conſider the akneſs of her Foundation, and that the Pillar, ch is her chief Support, is only Tythes, and com- d Maintainances, *&c.*

Now if the Government of the Nation will ſo far he Will of God, and that great Good to Mankind, o take away this Pillar, or chief Support of *My- Babylon*; then, in that Day or Hour, will ſhe to the great Surpriſe of Mankind, as the Pro- cy in the *Revelations* ſets forth, to which I refer Reader; and the Fall of *ſpiritual Babylon* will make

Way for the true ſpiritual Worſhip to ſpread over all Nations of the Earth. Then will Ri ouſneſs over-flow the Earth, as the Waters o Sea, and run down the Streets like a To Then will the new *Jeruſalem* come down from ven, and be built up with Holineſs on Earth, i Room of *Babylon* the Great, and then will the be brought to believe in *Chriſt*, whom their Anc crucified, and truly worſhip God by the Grac Spirit of his Son, in this happy Situation.

Then, according to Prophecy, will the W continue a thouſand Years, while the Beaſt an falſe Prophets (that is, Satan and the falſe Teac will be chained from deceiving the Nations o Earth, till that Time is expired, when they ſha looſed for a little Seaſon, and then will the End o World be, agreeable to the Sayings of *John th vine.*

When Governments underſtand theſe Truths of Deſtruction of *Myſtery, Babylon*, and will not le Hand, but will, in Oppoſition, uphold it againſt Will of God, and the Happineſs of all Mank then they may reaſonably believe or expect, their Sin may draw down the heavy Judgment God upon them, and give them up into the Hand their Enemies, to the Over-turning of their Gov ment, and to ſlay their Subjects with the Edge of Sword, and ſpoil their Goods; and after this it be reaſonable for them to believe, that they ſhall l live and die out of the Favour of God, and pro for themſelves a Poſſeſſion with the fallen An where they will never more have the Favour of G neither have any Peace or Happineſs in themſel but be chained in deep Deſpair, with their Sins wilful Blaſphemies for ever ſtanding before them, their Torments ſmoaking up for ever and ever.

this Nation could ſee how they are led by their
hers to live in the Midſt of *Myſtery Babylon*,
may behold a heavy Cloud ariſing over that
; and it would be Wiſdom to turn their Backs
that great City, leſt Vengeance from Heaven
d come down, and cauſe them to be buried in
Ruins of it, for the Victory of every Battle is of
Lord; and whenſoever the Almighty is pleaſed
ffer the Spirit of War to enter into the World,
o pour forth his Judgments upon *Myſtery Baby-*
to raiſe up Nation againſt Nation in War, to
and deſtroy each other, and make Spoil of their
ds who live in *Myſtery Babylon*, which is the for-
en City.

yſtery Babylon is neither here nor there, but in
y Nation under the Sun, where the Governments
r themſelves to be deceived by ſuch Miniſters, as
their Backs upon the true ſpiritual Worſhip, which
in *Chriſt* hath ordained. All ſuch Miniſters as
are the Mothers of Harlots, and the Abomina-
s of the Earth.

had at one Time great Hopes, that the Unfolding
Myſtery of the *Revelations* would bring a
ormation on this Nation; but now I greatly fear
this Kingdom ſhould turn it into a wilful Rebellion
inſt Heaven, and be the firſt Nation in the World
will draw down the heavy Judgments of God
n them, that are decreed againſt ſuch Offenders,
e Fall of *Myſtery Babylon*.

And it is reaſonable for all Mankind to believe,
her Fall will quickly come, after her Sins and
ſphemies are made manifeſt to the World; and
will be Woe; Woe to that Nation that is found
lling with her when her Fall ſhall be! for that
ion muſt expect to partake of her Plagues and
ments, and there will be no Power on Earth able

to deliver them; for what Nation on Earth can w
ſtand the Power of the moſt High God?

A Man whoſe Mind is inlightened by the Pow
above to underſtand the Myſteries written in the *R*
lations, might write a Volume of Reflections agz
Prieſtcraft, and all the perſecuting Kingdoms of
World, under the Profeſſion of Chriſtianity, in
ing forth how they are led by the Power of Satan,
der the Deluſion thereof; for all theſe Nations of
World are put under the Similitude of *Myſtery, B*
lon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and the Abo
nations of the Earth.

And *John* ſaw *the Woman drunken with the Bloo*
Saints, and the Blood of the Martyrs of *Jeſus*;
when he ſaw her, he wondered with great Admirati
and he had great Cauſe for that Surpriſe; for w
he was baniſhed into the Iſle of *Patmos*, his M
was inſpired by Heaven to propheſy in a Myſtery
all blaſphemous Perſecutions, that ever were to co
againſt the true ſpiritual Worſhippers of God;
the firſt that he ſaw was that Prieſtcraft, which
to ariſe out of the Church of *Rome*, which is contin
to this Day, in many Nations of the World. T
Kind of Prieſtcraft has deceived the Governments
the World, and led them to perſecute the Saints
true Followers of *Chriſt* to this Day, as I have
forth in the Beginning of this Letter; as alſo
Judgments of Wars and Bloodſhed foretold to co
upon perſecuting Nations. All theſe Things *Jo*
ſaw and foretold before they came to paſs.

And now all Mankind may as much wonder w
great Admiration, as *John* did, to ſee how the G
vernments of the Earth ſhould ſuffer themſelves to
deceived, and led in the Power of Satan, by the D
luſion of Prieſtcraft, to make War againſt Heave

y forcing all Mankind into it, to their eternal De-
ruction.

It is reaſonable for all Chriſtians to believe, that
hen the Governments of the Earth read this Letter,
ey may or will believe, that what is contained in it
conſiſtent with the Prophecy of *John the Divine*;
d then may underſtand, that all his Prophecies are
w come to paſs, except the Fall of *Myſtery Baby-*
, which never can come any other Way, but by
e Fall of Prieſtcraft. Now the Judgments of God
e made manifeſt againſt her, ſhe muſt fall by the
ower of the moſt High God, either in Mercy or
Judgment.

And it is reaſonable for all Chriſtians to believe, that
l wiſe Governments on Earth would rather chuſe to
found under the Mercies of God, than to be under
s Judgments; but then they muſt take away their
rotection from maintaining and upholding Prieſt-
aft; otherwiſe they may be likened to *Pharaoh* and
s Hoſt, who followed the Children of *Iſrael* into the
idſt of the *Red-Sea*, where the Judgments of *God*
d over-take them. And if the Governments of the
arth harden their Hearts againſt the Will of Hea-
n, in wilfully expoſing *God*'s People to Perſecution,
ey may thereby bring themſelves under the Diſ-
eaſure of the Almighty, to overturn ſuch Govern-
ent by War, to make Way for the Fall of *Myſtery*
abylon, that is, Prieſtcraft; for Wars are the Judg-
ents of *God* againſt all perſecuting Nations, and
oſe Nations that are the moſt wilful Offenders, will
ve the greateſt Share of thoſe Judgments by War
d Bloodſhed.

As many as are deſirous to underſtand the Prophecy
John the Divine, may read the xviith and xviiith
hapters of the *Revelations*, where they will find many
eys to open and truly diſcover *Myſtery, Babylon the*
Great,

Great, the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth, wherein *John* ſaw the Woman drunken with the Blood of the Saints, and with the Blood of the Martyrs of *Jeſus*; and when he ſaw her he wondered with great Admiration. In like Manner may all Nations upon Earth be ſurpriſed with Admiration when they behold her in the ſame Light.

Let any, who view this Myſtery in a clear Light, aſk the Witneſs of Truth in their own Conſcience what Kind of Men they were, who ſhed the Blood of Saints and the Martyrs of *Jeſus*? they then may or will hear an Anſwer from the Truth in their own Conſcience, that it was Prieſtcraft, which, in the Power of Satan, had deceived and led the Governments of the Earth to make a Law to kill and deſtroy the Followers of the Son of *God*, to the End that they might make a Merchandiſe of their own invented Worſhip, which is more fully ſet forth, Chap. xviii. 23, 24. *For thy Merchants were the great Men of the Earth; for by thy Sorceries were all Nations deceived, and in her was found the Blood of Prophets, and of Saints, and of all that were ſlain upon the Earth:* by theſe Words it may be underſtood, that Prieſtcraft is *Myſtery, Babylon*, againſt which the Almighty has ſo great a Controverſy. In theſe Things, Prieſtcraft, under what Denomination ſoever, has been guilty of Thefts, Robberies, and Murders, by perſecuting the ſpiritual Church of *Chriſt*, and by taking away their Liberty, Property and Life. For theſe great Abominations the Judgments of *God* are to fall upon Prieſtcraft, under the Name of *Myſtery*. *Bayblon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the Habitation of Devils, and the Hold of every foul Spirit, and the Cage of every unclean and hateful Bird.* This may be read in theſe Words: That Prieſtcraft, the great Deceiver of all Nations, is fallen from Power, and their Souls are fallen from

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Favour of Heaven, like unto *Judas*, and are be-
me the Habitations of Devils, and the Hold of
ery ſoul Spirit, and the Cage of all Uncleanneſs.
From theſe Texts of Scripture, and many others
t maintain the ſame to be Truth, all Governments
d Chriſtian Subjects may underſtand, that Prieſt-
ft all the World over is *Babylon the great, the Mo-
r of Harlots, and the Abominations of the Earth*; and
t *Babylon* is the Synagogue of Satan, where all
nds of Perſecution are to be found; and that
rſecution is that *Beaſt which roſe out of the Sea
th ſeven Heads and ten Horns, and upon his Horns
Crowns, and upon his Heads the Name of Blaſphemy,
ich had Power given him to make War againſt the
ints, and to over come them*, which I have fully ex-
ained in my firſt Letter *to the Government*.

Prieſtcraft is that notorious *Beaſt*, that has the
ritual Reſemblance of Satan, and the human Re-
mblance of Man, which are both united together
deceive and lead the Nations of the Earth from
e true ſpiritual Worſhip of *Chriſt*, and to lead them
worſhip *God* by the Invention of Men. In this
ieſtcraft are found all the Abominations of the
arth, that ever were found in *Myſtery, Babylon*, and
uſt receive the ſame Plagues and Torments that
ere decreed againſt her; but firſt her Sins and
bominations muſt be made manifeſt to the Govern-
ents and Nations, and after that, according to their
epentance, or wilful Rebellion againſt Heaven,
all their Judgments come.

All Nations, who by Prieſtcraft are miſled,
May then expect much War, with great Bloodſhed
Wars are as far from Chriſtianity,
As Prieſtcraft is from Chriſt's *Divinity.*
When Prieſtcraft ceaſe, all Nations may depend,
That Nations Wars will have a final End:
Then Chriſt *in Spirit will reign on the Earth,*
For which great End he did receive his Birth;
All Praiſe and Power will then be to him given,
Who is the King of Kings, and Lord of Heaven.

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